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1. North Korean troops stationed in Seoul ignore UN bombers over the central part of the city because they are convinced that the UN will not bomb the central sector. No one there takes shelter.
2. There is a rumor current in Seoul that Chinese Communist troops are in South Korea. However, Koreans in Seoul who were former members of a Chinese Communist unit and are now members of the NKPA, state that there is no Chinese Communist unit as such in Korea.
3. Many Seoul residents listen to broadcasts of a purported South Korean station, which repeatedly announce the UN forces are falling back to make room for a UN atomic bomb drop on the NKPA. The penalty for listening to South Korean broadcasts is death; hence many Seoul people are trying to sell their radios.
4. No UN leaflets are circulating in Seoul, but leaflets describing UN action against the North Korean invasion are being circulated in Sangju (128-10, 36-24) hand-to-hand, and the story is being repeated orally.
5. On about 27 July, about three hundred U.S. POW's were paraded through downtown Seoul. Many of these soldiers were without shoes and some picked up and ate melon rinds which were lying in the street. The prisoners were kept in the Samhwa building, the first building east of the Chosun Hotel compound.
6. Black market prices in Seoul were the following: Rice, 13,500 South Korean won per small tu; wheat, 9,500 South Korean won per small tu. In the farming districts of Seoul, the prices were about 5,000 won less for rice and 4,000 less for wheat, but the farmers, unwilling to sell for cash, were demanding clothing and other goods. The penalty for selling black market rice is severe.

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